(d) Under the National Goitre Control Programme, Six quality control laboratories have been set up at various salt production and consuming centres to monitor the quality of iodised salt ln addition to the various Salt Testing Laboratories already existing at the Salt Production centres for carrying out detailed analysis of the common/iodised salt samples.

Storing of Flood and Hain Water

2178. SHRI MIRZA IRSHADBAIG:
SHRI ARANGIL SREE DHARAN;

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the plans for prevent ing wastage of water and for storing the flood and rain water for use; and

(b) what discussions have *beta* held in this regard with the neigh bouring countries alongwith the re sults thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a> Wai^r Resources Development Prog-grammes comprise construction of multipurpose dams for storing excess flows, divers schemes to utilise run-of-the river flows and modernisation of existing i»ohemes to minimise wastage of water

(b) While "Indus Water Treaty. 1960" exists between India and Pakistan in the interest of optimum development of river flows discussions are held at different levels with other neighbours to improve eo-operation in respect of flood and water management.

Indigenous Super Computer

2179. SHRl K. V. THANG-KABALU-
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINTSTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 19-10-88 under the caption "Indigenous Super Computers will be produced within three years"; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRl K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Centre for Developmen! of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) set up by the Department of Electronics in Pune has been given the specific responsibility of development of the parallel computing system with a 1000 Mega flops peak rating within a period of 3 years. Also, Memorandum of Understading has been signed between the Centre for Development of Telematics and the Department of Science & Technology for thg Development of a parallel computing system with 640 Mega flops peak rating in about 18 months period. These parallel computing systems are in the performance range of super computers.

CompIaint ag'ainst IAs Officer by MP

2180. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a complaint dated lst May, 1988 addressed to the Minister of State for Home Aflairs by a Member of Parliament containing serious charges against an I.A.S. Officer of Orissa

cadre presently posted on deputation to N.C.C.F.; and

(b) if so, what action is proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRl P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An inquiry had been made into the complaint by the Department of Civil Supplies. None of the allegations in the complaint was subs-stantiated. On 24.5.88 the Mp had withdrawn the allegation made against the officer and requested to consider the matter as closed. The case since been closed.

National Flood Control Programme

2181. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:

Will the Minister of WATER RE-SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a National Flood Control Programme was undertaken to check the devastation caused by floods occuring every year in the country;

(b) if so, when was the said programme undertaken and what long term measures have been taken to control flood under this programme since its inception upto the year 1987-88;

(c) whether it is also a fact that there has bean persistent increase in the loss occuring due to floods since 1956 upto the current year; and

(d) if so, the extent of the loss suffered in this regard during 1956 and the estimated loss for the year 1988-89V

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Consequent on the floods in the year 1954, two policy statements were made by the Central Govern ment On the flood situation and the programme for remedial action. While a national programme was not under taken as such, the State Governments were asked to pursue the short-term and long-term measures for mange ment of floods in their area. In 1973, the Central Government also estab lished the Ganga Flood Control Com mission for preparing master plans for flood management in the co-basin States. Later, in 1981 the Central Government also set up the Brahma putra Board for preparing master plans in the Brahmaputra and the Barak Valleys. The problem was studied in detail by the Rashtriya Barh Ayog from 1976 onwards and their recommendations made in 1980 have provided the basis for flood control programmes in the flood-affec ted States. The long-term measures undertaken so far include construc tion of storage reservoirs on tributa ries of certain rivers and additional embankments where necessary. Cen tral Government have also expanded the flood forecasting and warning service on major rivers to assist the States in taking advance preparatory action _

(c) and (d) The losses due to floods in any year depends upon the magnitude and duration of the rainfall during the flood season. Generally, flood damage has been rising over the years, mainly because of increasing economic activity in the flood plains, increase of population and human habitation, cost escalations and inadequate maintenance of flood mange-ment works at places. According to the figures reported by the State Governments, the. losses due to flood in the year 1956 was Rs. 53.3 crores. The loss reported for 1988 comes to Rs. 3653 crores.